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His Position.

o Change in the Officers and E
ployes of the Senate.

[SPECIAL BY TELEGRAPH TO THE RECORD-UNION]

WASHINGTON, December 7th.—In the Senate today, when Edmunds called up his resolution providing for the continuance of the committee, they were at the close of the last session, the P

nt pro tem., Davis, who temporarily occupied
rmer seat on the floor, having vacated the c
Harris, said :

THE NATION'S RECENT BEREAVEMENT.
Mr. President: The solemn event which has
ted the sympathy of the civilized world has

ntly brought about unexpected changes in
residency, and the Forty-seventh Congress
meets under the constitutional successor to
resident who was only inaugurated last Ma
and was stricken down in the maturity of his
and after but four short months experience in
executive chair. These stern facts are full of a

tion, which may teach us how frail are human
ness and how transitory is human power in
presence of the Destroyer. Ambition may
use, and all of us learn how vain are the aspi-
rations to which too much of our lives are de-
voted as was the bereavement which spread so-
ver the land, and which touched the heart of e-
ver side, it was sanctified by the consolation

people of all sections were brought nearer together by the common grief, and thus came to understand each other better through kindred sorrows. Asperities that had long established themselves were softened, and the violence of faction assuaged by affliction.

Although President Arthur represents the party elected General Garfield, his personal position is necessarily delicate and trying. He is entitled to a whole behavior through the critical ordeal of generous countenance. As Senator, I propose to extend to his policy candid treatment, sustained by the public.

when right, and opposing it when wrong, on public questions, holding to this purpose, and refusing to insist on the pure, economical and efficient administration of the Executive trust. The President ought to be aided by all proper legislation and co-operation in carrying out the general policy he may propose to the country. Whatever policy in future may be, it is entitled to a fair trial.

With this view of my duty I shall vote willingly to continue the committee in this body as they are now constituted.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY
 It seems best that the party which has the President and the House of Representatives should be answerable for all public measures.

ere will be no divided responsibility. If the o
n are wise they will accept this conclusion.
special session in March they made but a brief
e stand against the organization of the com
es which shape the great legislation of the c
y. Indeed, they almost conceded that impos
t to their adversaries, but continued a protes

test for the officers of the Senate under the political condition. My Democratic friends held ground from the beginning to the end. Doubtless they had satisfactory reasons for their course of policy. Last spring I took occasion to state the reasons why my vote should be given to the then existing organization of the Senate. Although circumstances have materially changed

assumed has not been altered. Hence I adhere to my original declaration always reserving to myself the right of rejecting offensive candidates.

INDEPENDENT POSITION DECLARED.

I am greatly encouraged in this decision by the course of my distinguished friend from Vermont.

...ment as a leader of his party as he is also
...ent for his public and for private worth. Upon
...tion the present Chief Clerk, distinctly appoint
...a Democrat, was unanimously made Acting
...tary. That graceful deed is a cheering sign, w
...ords me pleasure. [Applause.] This is the
...ace where an example should be set again

common scrambling for office that disfigures political life. The country was almost equally divided between the two national parties at the presidential election. The majority in the House of Representatives is small, and in this chamber Republicans and Democrats confront each other like members. The committees are now for one party and the offices of the Senate are

the other party. From my standpoint it would be unwise to disturb this condition of things. I do not propose to engage in any struggle that looks at the object. As our parties are organized, the man who steps out of party lines is always exposed to harsh criticism, no matter how proper his motives may be. The machinery enforces discipline, and denounces revolt as treason.

the last ten years my political position has been
 ely independent of any organization. I have
 iled responsibility wherever it was found, and
 ve voted for the best men, whether they
 iled Republicans or Democrats.

COURAGEOUS INCONSISTENCY ADVOCATED
 Consistency is not a virtue if it means the

meritorious. The greatest statesmen in modern times have been courageously inconsistent, have become public benefactors by abandoning a mistaken policy. If conviction satisfied me, the opinions formed long ago and followed since for oneous, it would not cost me a moment's thought.

views to be sound and sober, and I shall set them as a moderator between the extremes. I used the majority of the Senate to confer upon the highest distinction in their gift. Priced at it, is, and ought to be, it is doubly valuable, information, because it came wholly unsought without the exchange of a single word, directly, indirectly, that could be any possibility imposed.

THE DAY IS DRAWING NEAR WHEN I SHALL RETIRE FROM THE
MY ONLY ABILITY WHILE FREE

ing about a perfect peace between the North and the South as the best means of promoting the prosperity of the whole Union. When the rude voice of discord has disturbed the national fellowship, it should have been restored at the close of the conflict. It shall be silenced, this country will bound

and in a career of grandeur and glory that
ish mankind. But reconciliation has not
than mere national wealth. If the experi-
a republican government is to endure and to
petuated, as we humbly pray God it may be
born generations, then the spirit of forbear-
and of toleration in which it was created by
riorism of our fathers must be revived and de-

d. In no other way can the "more person" which their inspired wisdom formed out of disjointed confederation be preserved as a slight of the higher civilization, and as the refuge of the oppressed from all lands.

CONSIDERABLE FEELING MANIFESTED.
WASHINGTON, December 7th.—When referring

considerable indignation in alluding to the various newspaper insinuations that he had sold himself to the Republicans. He was very emphatic in the assertion that not a single word tending to connect himself to the Republicans passed between him and any of his assistants or the coalition.

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